

CLAIMS

Therefore, having thus described the invention, at least the following is claimed:

- 1 1. A digital image routing system, comprising:
 - 2 means for receiving a digital image packet that includes a digital image and a
 - 3 customer preference parameter; and
 - 4 means for transmitting the digital image packet to a remote digital image
 - 5 editing system selected according to the customer preference parameter.
- 1 2. The digital image routing system of claim 1, further comprising:
 - 2 means for enhancing the a digital image based on the customer preference
 - 3 parameter; and
 - 4 means for transmitting an enhanced digital image packet that includes a
 - 5 enhanced digital image and an enhancement description packet that describes the
 - 6 enhancements made for each of the digital images.
- 1 3. The digital image routing system of claim 2, wherein the means for enhancing
 - 2 the digital image, includes means for automatically enhancing the digital image based
 - 3 on the customer preference parameter.

1 4. A digital image enhancement system, comprising:
2 means for receiving a digital image packet that includes a digital image and a
3 customer preference parameter;
4 means for enhancing the digital image based on the customer preference
5 parameter; and
6 means for transmitting an enhanced digital image packet that includes an
7 enhanced digital image and an enhancement description packet that describes the
8 enhancements made for each of the digital images.

1 5. The digital image enhancement system of claim 4, wherein the means
2 for enhancing the digital image, includes means for automatically enhancing the
3 digital image based on the customer preference parameter.

1 6. The digital image enhancement system of claim 4, further comprising:
2 means for transmitting the digital image packet to a remote digital image
3 editing system selected according to the customer preference parameter.

1 7. A digital image routing method, comprising the steps of:
 2 receiving a digital image packet that includes a digital image and a customer
 3 preference parameter; and
 4 transmitting the digital image packet to a remote digital image editing system
 5 selected according to the customer preference parameter.

1 8. The digital image routing method of claim 7, further comprising the steps of:
 2 enhancing the digital image based on the customer preference parameter; and
 3 transmitting an enhanced digital image packet that includes an enhanced
 4 digital image and an enhancement description packet that describes the enhancements
 5 made for each of the digital images.

1 9. The digital image routing method of claim 7, wherein the step of enhancing
 2 the a digital image, includes enhancing the digital image automatically based upon the
 3 customer preference parameter.

1 10. The digital image routing method of claim 7, further comprising the step of
 2 enhancing the digital image automatically using an automatic digital image
 3 enhancement system.

1 11. The digital image routing method of claim 10, further including the steps of:
 2 storing an enhancement performed on a previous digital image;
 3 analyzing the enhancement performed on the previous digital image; and
 4 establishing the enhancement parameter to be used by the automatic digital
 5 image enhancement system to automatically enhance the digital image.

1 12. A digital image enhancement method, comprising the steps of:
 2 receiving a digital image packet that includes a digital image and a customer
 3 preference parameter;
 4 enhancing the digital image based on the customer preference parameter; and
 5 transmitting an enhanced digital image packet that includes an enhanced
 6 digital image and an enhancement description packet that describes the enhancements
 7 made for each of the digital images.

1 13. The digital image enhancement method of claim 12, wherein the step of
 2 enhancing the digital image, includes enhancing the digital image automatically based
 3 upon the customer preference parameter.

1 14. The digital image enhancement method of claim 12, further comprising the
 2 step of enhancing the digital image automatically using an automatic digital image
 3 enhancement system.

1 15. The digital image enhancement method of claim 14, further comprises the
 2 steps of:
 3 storing an enhancement performed on a previous digital image;
 4 analyzing the enhancement performed on the previous digital image; and
 5 establishing the enhancement parameter to be used by the automatic digital
 6 image enhancement system to automatically enhance the digital image.

- 1 16. The digital image enhancement method of claim 12, further comprising the
- 2 steps of:
- 3 transmitting the digital image packet to a remote digital image editing
- 4 system selected according to the customer preference parameter.